

## Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (ATRS)

### Board of Trustees Election 2012

Election of two positions on the ATRS Board of Trustees is scheduled in March, 2012: Position #5 (Administrator Trustee) and Position # 11 (Retirant Trustee).

Candidates for Position #5 must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be an active or T-DROP participating member in ATRS
2. Must have a minimum of five (5) years of actual service in ATRS
3. Must be a licensed administrator employed as an Arkansas school superintendent by a participating employer.

Eligible voters for Position #5 shall be active members of ATRS (including T-DROP participants), regardless of credited service and employed as a licensed administrator.

Candidates for Position #11 must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a retiree member receiving an annuity paid by ATRS before or upon the date of the beginning of his or her term of office.
2. Must be a resident of the State of Arkansas

Eligible voters for Position #11 shall be all retirants of ATRS, regardless of present employment status or residency.

The Board of Trustees shall employ an independent contractor who will mail ballots to eligible voters' addresses or record and will also collect, count, and certify election results.

- Deadline for nomination: Tuesday, January 10, 2012
- Ballots mailed: Thursday, March, 15, 2012
- Deadline for ballots to be returned: Monday, April 16, 2012
- Results certified: Friday, April 20, 2012

If no candidate receives at least 50% of votes cast by eligible voters on the first ballot, a run-off election will be held between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the position. The Schedule for the run-off election will be as follows:

- Run-off ballots mailed: Tuesday, May 1, 2012
- Deadline for ballots to be returned: Friday, June 1, 2012
- Results certified: Tuesday, June 5, 2012

If any of the above fixed dates fell on a weekend or holiday, the date was moved to the next regular work day according to the ATRS policy.

If a candidate receives at least 50% of the votes cast on the first ballot, he/she will be declared the winner of the election and will assume office on July 1, 2012. If a run-off election is necessary, the candidate receiving at least 50% of the votes cast will be declared the winner of the election and will assume office on July 1, 2012.

The term of office of each elected trustee is six (6) years. Each trustee shall continue to serve as trustee until his or her successor is elected.

Nomination for election shall be upon receipt of a petition signed by at least 25 voters who are eligible to vote for the trustee position for which the member is seeking nomination. The petitions must include the last four digits of the Social Security number of each signatory for verification of the member's eligibility to vote for the position. Nominating petitions and a candidate information form must be filed with the Executive Director of the Teacher Retirement System by Tuesday, January 10, 2012. Petitions may be requested by calling Tammy Porter at 501-683-5263 or toll free 1-800-666-2877.